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## CATHOLICS

Under the Protection of the Stars  
and Stripes Are Almost  
25,000,000.

The Increase During the Year  
1915 Is Shown to Be Over  
254,000.

One Archbishop, Ten Bishops  
and Over Three Hundred  
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### CATHOLIC DIRECTORY STATISTICS

There are 16,564,109 Catholics in Continental United States according to advance sheets of the 1916 edition of "The Official Catholic Directory," published and copyrighted by P. J. Kennedy & Sons, Barclay street, New York. With fifty-two dioceses reporting increases, six dioceses showing decreases, and with forty-three archdioceses and dioceses making no change in the population figure, the increase in the number of Catholics during the year 1915 is shown to be 254,799. This figure may not satisfy the critical observer, but it must be remembered that it is impossible for all of the archdioceses and dioceses to take a new census each year. To the figure 16,564,109 could be added, according to Joseph H. Meier, the compiler, who has been studying Catholic population figures for over ten years, at least 1,656,410, representing the floating Catholic population of the United States. No records are kept of the floating Catholic population and the 10 per cent. would represent a very conservative addition. Adding this 10 per cent. would increase the Catholic figure to over eighteen millions. Instead of deducting 15 per cent. for children and infants, as is frequently done by statisticians, Mr. Meier believes that 10 per cent. should be added to arrive at the real Catholic population figure of the United States. It must be understood of course that the figures shown in "The Official Catholic Directory" are exactly the figures furnished by the Chancery officials. No additions are made for floating population. For that reason the figure in the 1916 edition is given as 16,564,109.

Including the Catholics of the island possessions of the United States it is found, according to the 1916 edition of "The Official Catholic Directory" that there are 24,922,062 Catholics under the United States flag. In the United States proper there are 16,564,109; in the Philippines there are 7,285,458. The additional 1,072,465 are in Alaska, the Canal Zone, in Guam, in American Samoa, in the Hawaiian Islands and in Porto Rico. The 1916 directory shows therefore that there are almost twenty-five millions of Catholics under the protection of the Stars and Stripes. Death dealt a heavy blow to American prelates and priests during the year 1915 and not in a score of years have so many changes taken place. One Archbishop and ten Bishops passed away and according to the necrology section of the present edition 321 priests went to their eternal reward.

Catholics will be interested in the fact that the publishers are trying to secure figures showing the number of converts received into the church during the year. This is a most interesting item. The Chancery officials of sixty-nine archdioceses and dioceses have furnished these figures for the 1916 volume and the number of converts in these sixty-nine dioceses is 19,069. It must be noted in this connection, however, that many important archdioceses and dioceses did not furnish figures for converts. No convert figures were reported by New York, Chicago, Boston, St. Louis, St. Paul, San Francisco, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Hartford, Newark and twenty-two other dioceses. Consequently the figure 19,069 would be increased by many thousands if all of these important centers furnished the necessary figures.

In this edition of the Catholic directory it is shown that there are 19,572 Catholic clergymen in the United States. Of these 14,318 are secular clergy, while 5,254 are regular clergy, that is members of religious orders. The publication also lists 10,058 Catholic churches with resident priests; 5,105 mission churches; eighty-five seminaries with 6,201 students studying for the priesthood; 112 homes for aged; 210 colleges for boys; 635 academies for girls and 5,638 parochial schools. In these parochial schools there are enrolled 1,497,949 children. "The Official Catholic Directory" furthermore reports 283 orphan asylums with 48,089 orphans.

The publishers, P. J. Kennedy & Sons, have prepared a most valuable work crowded with interesting facts and figures and a copy of this publication ought to be in every Catholic home. Mr. Meier, the editor, has prepared for the Catholic press a list of the States having a Catholic population of over 100,000. The twenty-six "banner" States are as follows:

New York	2,899,223
Pennsylvania	1,802,977
Illinois	1,472,291
Massachusetts	1,400,834
Ohio	903,102
Michigan	597,000
New Jersey	593,000
Louisiana	586,000
Wisconsin	577,823
California	518,168
Missouri	490,000
Minnesota	470,361

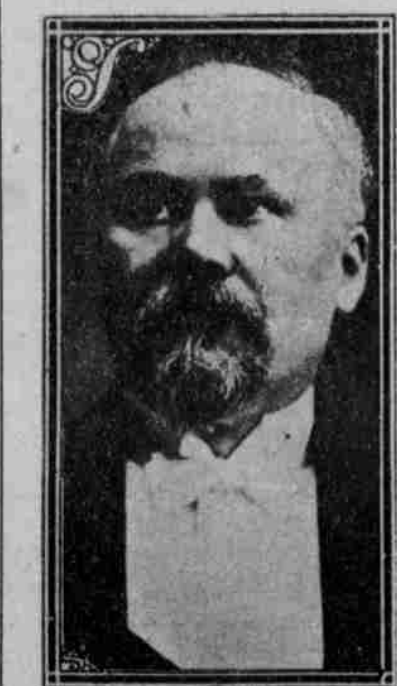
Connecticut	469,701
Texas	412,190
Rhode Island	275,000
Maryland	261,000
Iowa	257,400
Indiana	249,426
Kentucky	171,871
New Mexico	140,573
New Hampshire	134,000
Maine	131,638
Kansas	126,980
Nebraska	120,761
Colorado	110,384
North Dakota	103,471

### PERFECTING PREPARATIONS.

The national convention of the Catholic Knights of America is always a big event, but Louisville will be fully prepared and the delegates and visitors will be received and entertained in the manner that has won fame for Kentucky. While all the details have not been worked out it is safe to say there will be "something doing" from the opening to the close. Sunday afternoon Chairman Reichert and the Executive Committee held another enthusiastic meeting at St. John's Hall, when further progress was made in arranging the programme. Mr. Boller reported that Col. R. W. Brown and the Convention and Publicity League would assist the Executive Committee in every way possible. Representatives of a number of branches gave promise of hearty support and a promise of substantial assistance was made for the Central Committee. The opening mass will be held at the Cathedral and will be attended by the Knights of Columbus, whose State convention will open that day. The K. of C. have invited the Catholic Knights to be their guests at the reception and smoker on May 8 and also at the dance on the evening following. Other social features will be a theater party and buffet luncheon, together with a trip over the city and a dinner at one of the parks. A number of committees were named and requested to report at a general meeting called for Friday night. The programme will soon be completed and will be published in full in these columns. It is expected that the Supreme officers and trustees will be in session here for several days before the opening of the convention, which will bring many to Louisville.

### MISSION A SUCCESS.

The two weeks' mission at St. Williams church, Thirteenth and Oak, conducted by the Passionist missionaries, Father Adelbert and Father Edwin, will come to a solemn close tomorrow night with the bestowal of the Papal blessing. Rev. George Connor, the pastor, is elated over the results, as this has proved the most successful mission given since the parish was founded. This week was for the men and every night the church was crowded. The interest that has been taken may be gleaned from the fact that the saloons in that vicinity all closed while the evening services were being held.



PRESIDENT POINCARE.  
President of France, devoted to wounded soldiers.

"TIN SOLDIERS."  
Mackin Connell, Y. M. C. A., is being congratulated upon all sides over the fact that the Choral Club was successful in securing Miss Susan Christoph to star in Aulyn Kanston's newest musical play, "Tin Soldiers," to be presented at Macaulay's on May 15 to 17. Miss Christoph will compare favorably with the best vocalists in Louisville and her wonderful voice is the result of a number of years of study and training under Prof. Anthony Mohlengrat. The management of "Tin Soldiers," as a result of persistent efforts, finally prevailed on Prof. Mohlengrat to allow Miss Christoph to appear in the leading role. At the concert held during the last two years by the Catholic Choral Union, where Miss Christoph sang with much success, her voice attracted general attention and she has won a host of friends and followers who are expected to present themselves in large numbers at the performances of the new show. The balance of the cast for "Tin Soldiers" is composed of some of the best talent in the city, the names of whom will be announced later.

### OPENS FINE STORE.

The Halpin Clothing Company, located at Fourth and Jefferson, is a welcome addition to the business life of Louisville. They will deal in standard clothing, hats and furnishings for men and will carry a complete stock. John V. Halpin, who heads the company, comes from the East, where he has had much experience. Mr. Halpin is a brother of the Rev. Father Halpin, pastor of St. Augustine's church in Jeffersonville, and, a member of the Knights of Columbus.



GETTING INTO THE ROUGH COUNTRY.  
The United States troops are now in the mountainous districts of Mexico following the trail of Villa. From the heat of the plains to the cold of the mountains has been one of the unexpected hardships for the soldiers.

## JOHN DEVOY

Issues Statement of His Appearance Before New York Federal Grand Jury.

Gaelic American Editor Gives Lie to Statements of British Agents.

Ex-Fenian Accuses England of Lending Spy to Swear False in This Country.

### REFERS TO BRITISH METHODS

John Devoy, editor of the Gaelic American, takes exception to published reports of his appearance before the Federal grand jury on Friday. Characterizing all the newspaper accounts as "incorrect," and some as "malignant inventions," he wrote a letter setting forth the reasons for his opinion and sent copies of it to the newspapers. Commenting on the statement that Federal authorities believed he could give valuable information "as to whether or not certain prominent Irishmen here have been by their aid to England to give aid to German agents in this country," Mr. Devoy wrote:

"The Federal authorities apparently believed that before I appeared before the grand jury, but if they believe it now it will be in spite of the evidence I gave."

Mr. Devoy says it is not true that he was summoned to tell whether any of the money expended by Franz Rintelen, the German agent, reached the Irish weekly newspapers for propaganda work. "The statement is a lie," says his letter, "made out of whole cloth for the deliberate purpose of deceiving the public. I am not at liberty to state what occurred in the grand jury room, but if I could do so it would effectually refute that falsehood. I can only say that I am quite satisfied with the result and that I have every reason to believe that Assistant District Attorney Wood and the grand jury are not dissatisfied. To me they presented a striking and very pleasing contrast to the English bodies in Ireland which perform the same kind of function. I feel at liberty to mention one incident which occurred in the grand jury room after my examination was concluded. Mr. Wood asked me what was my opinion of the case. I replied as follows: "My opinion is this: This man Taylor, or von der Goltz, or whatever his name is, was caught as a German spy in England and sentenced to be shot. He purchased his life by agreeing to betray his own country. He is lent by the British Government to the American Government to help make out a case against the Germans here. The papers say he is accompanied by a Scotland Yard detective and is still practically a prisoner. He is testifying under the direction and instruction of the English detective, and of course he swears anything they want him to swear. I know that class of men from my experience in England, where I was in prison for five years. I know British methods, and that they would be glad to get me involved in a case like this."

"At this there was a general laugh, and somebody said: 'Then you don't like the English?'"  
"I replied that I had no objection to the individual Englishman, that I had got along all right with every Englishman I had ever worked with, and that I only objected to the English Government in Ireland. The broad hint that Irish papers in America are receiving money for a 'German propaganda' is an atrocious libel, invented by the highly financed British propaganda—the only real foreign propaganda in this country. Not one Irish paper and not one Irishman has received a dollar of German money for propaganda or anything else. The Irish movement finances its own work, both in Ireland and America, but the Irish papers that support England have received huge subsidies in the form of

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Kentucky Democrats are pleased with the harmony plans drafted this week for the coming State convention, and it is now an assured fact that the Stanley-James faction will dominate the convention. There is only one part of the intended programme that will not be entirely acceptable to all, and that is if the men in control insist, as it is rumored, on electing W. B. Haldeman as National Committeeman to succeed Urey Woodson. The Haldeman-Woodson controversy carried through the press all winter was a disturbing factor and created dissension throughout the rank and file of the party, and if either of these two gentlemen can not see that they owe it to the Democratic party to eliminate themselves from the foreground in the coming convention then it should be the duty of the delegates present for the good of the party to perform such act. Neither of the controversialists has a strangle hold, so to speak, on the affections of the Democratic voters and all can agree perfectly in awarding the honors of National Committeeman to any other man of rank in the party. With the elimination of this controversy the convention is sure to be harmonious and steps can be taken to campaign in earnest to secure a big majority for Wilson in November. It was suggested in these columns several weeks ago that in recognition of the services of the Fifth district organizations in the past two elections Col. James P. Whallen or Col. Frank McGrath should be chosen as one of the delegates to the national convention, and on Thursday the Times predicts that there is a movement on foot to select Col. Whallen.

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one, the recognition of Carranza being a grievous mistake, and that this is true is seen in the attitude of Roosevelt, who, always ready to take the popular side of an issue, has already advertised his disapproval of the administration's Mexican policy. But summing it all up, and unless there is a miraculous change in the opinions of the leaders, Wilson will again be the nominee of the Democrats, and in all probability Roosevelt will carry the Republican standard."

That the recognition of Carranza was a mistake and that Teddy would be the G. O. P. nominee is a pretty good prediction for New Year's day. The Louisville Herald has already dropped its Progressive mask and will be found supporting the Rough Rider and the local Chilton-Seary combination, although the latter confessed that they had handpicked the forty-four men as members of the local Republican Committee with power to select the nominees in local and other elections. Despite this you will find the Herald referring to bossism in the Democratic party.

Speaking of local politics, the General Council, for the good of all concerned, should smother the ordinance introduced by Councilman Rosenberg, in which he is endeavoring to give school janitors the powers of police. That this would be abused there is no doubt, as the school janitors today form a pretty good political organization in themselves, and with the powers of police they would make trouble in local elections.

### TRINITY COUNCIL NOTES.

A large representation of Trinity Council, Y. M. C. A., received holy communion at St. Aloysius church Sunday morning and Rev. Father O'Grady, the Chaplain, complimented the council on its showing. At the meeting Monday evening the proposed membership campaign was discussed, the start to be made next Monday, and the plan of campaign was thrashed out thoroughly at a meeting of the workers held in Tyler Hotel Thursday evening in connection with a buffet luncheon. Past Grand Knight William Klappheke will address the council on the popular subject of "Preparedness" Monday evening and the Literary Committee requests a full attendance. President Ben Sandmann requests the members who are irregular in attendance to call and see that many repairs and improvements made in the club house, which coupled with the renovation and furnishing has made the interior very inviting. The Trinity ball team, under the leadership of "Bob" Kaiser, will begin the season in the Twin City League tomorrow, meeting the Bertrand Club, and Adam Schneider, Dan Hennessy, John Cuniff and Vic Becker will lead a gang of loyal rooters at the grounds.



MRS. POINCARE.  
Wife of President of France, frequent visitor to military hospitals.

ORPHANS TO BE TREATED.

Friends of St. Thomas and St. Vincent Orphan Asylums are busy arranging the annual Easter treat and egg hunt for the children of these institutions. This year the girls, who have heretofore been the hostesses at St. Thomas, and the boys at St. Vincent, and the public is invited to be there and add to the happiness of the little ones. Many charitable Catholics have never visited St. Thomas Asylum, and they are urged to go on and see for themselves the good work that is being done by the Catholic Orphan Society. They are asked to remember that while a quarter a month is but little, if all men and women will only do their share when this sum is asked, the good work will continue. The society appeals to all who read this to make up their minds to become members of their parish branch at once. Visitors will take the Bardstown road car to Carter avenue.

### FINE PARISH WORK.

The following interesting item is taken from the current issue of the Field Afar: "The parish of Albion, N. Y., goes on record as the first in our experience to interest itself in an individual foreign mission student. The zealous pastor, Rev. Francis Sullivan, suggested this idea recently to the parish committee, with the result that for the next six years \$125 will be sent regularly to Maryknoll for the education of a priest. A like amount, pledged by an unnamed friend and extending over the same period, will complete the sum (\$250) required yearly for the support of one of our students." That is a fine work and one that well could be done in almost every parish. A little co-operation in this line will work miracles in the course of time.

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## ISTHMUS

The Seaman's Friend Society Receives Governmental Gift of Land.

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Civil Service Opens Splendid Opportunity For Men and Women.

### EXAMINATIONS HELD LAST YEAR

"To provide for the social and religious welfare of the sailors of all nations who touch at the Atlantic end of the Panama Canal Zone the United States Government, it has been learned, through Major Gen. George W. Goethals, has set aside a plot of land near the docks of Christobal Colon, for the use of the American Seamen's Friend Society, Wall street, New York." Thus ran the announcement of April 1. "Hundreds of seamen," Gen. Goethals was quoted as having said, "will be in the port of Christobal Colon, at the Atlantic end of the canal, in normal times. These will be not only seamen of ships passing through the canal, but also of ships bound for South America which touch at this point in the Canal Zone. There is no special provision for the social and religious needs of the men, and the offer of the American Seamen's Friend Society, an interdenominational Christian organization, to supply this want meets with our hearty approval."

The effort will be not so much to house the seamen as is the aim of the society in the maintenance of its well known home in New York, but rather to provide a social and religious atmosphere of the best sort for the sailors who stop at these ports. The society has for fully one hundred years carried on its work among seamen and its activities now extend to many parts of the world. While "interdenominational," it is frankly Protestant in atmosphere and in its religious endeavors. Certainly any one truly interested in the seamen must hear with pleasure of this effort in their behalf. Regret can not but be expressed, however, that there is no Catholic organization taking up this work in this same way for the sailors in particular of our faith. Many of them will likewise stop at the canal ports and certainly they should be cared for and their faith protected. The care of these men of the sea was one of the works dearest to the heart of the sainted Pius X. It would be an exceedingly happy thing to hear of the establishment of a Catholic Seamen's home in Panama and at other international stopping points.

Over twenty-one thousand persons took part in religious examinations in New York last year. The exact figures are 21,078, the largest number in the history of the New York Civil Service Commission. During the five-year period, 1906-1910, 61,543 were examined, while in 1911-15 the total came to 94,856, or an increase of 54 per cent. The number of examinations for clerical and technical positions, it is understood, steadily increased. Some of those which might be mentioned were that of court stenographer, with a salary of \$3,600 per year; Director, Division of Communicable Diseases, Department of Health, \$4,000; assistant engineer on the Conservation Commission, \$3,000; and Deputy Industrial Commissioner, with a salary of \$4,000.

The civil service opens a splendid opportunity for Catholic men and women. This opportunity they should hasten to seize. If this is done, if more and more of our people enter these competitive examinations, it will mean that more and more of our number will seek to educate themselves in various occupations. In this way will we bring about a great increase of Catholics in the more educated classes. Our membership will not be composed of such a pronounced ratio of the members of one sect to that of society at the present time. It would be most interesting to learn the percentage of Catholics in the great number of those who took the New York examinations last year. Perhaps it was very representative and well in proportion to their ratio in the community. But the number can still further be increased and should be. Catholic young people in particular should take note of these things and profit by them.

C. B. of C. V.

### LONG BELOW ZERO.

Mrs. Watt Tucker, formerly of Shelbyville, but now residing at Endiang, Alberta, Canada, writing to Kentucky friends, says of the weather conditions there: "We have had a long, cold winter. From Christmas day to February 12 the thermometer was ranging from 20 to 50 degrees below zero, but almost everyone was prepared for the winter. We had deep snows, and great drifts piling up until sometimes we thought we were buried under some morning in our homes, but there came, about the middle of February, a warm 'chink' that melted the snow very fast. There has been no rain since last September, so you see our winters are very dry and cold. The wild geese are back again from their winter quarters and this makes us feel that winter is over."